

EXHIBIT 10

BEFORE THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

HARRISON W., ET AL

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Appellants

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v.

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OAH CASE NO.: MSDE-BE-16-16-02815

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

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CARROLL COUNTY

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AFFIDAVIT ON AUGUSTO ILLIANO

I, Augusto Illiano, solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. As presented through numerous public meetings, North Carroll has been a focal point for many in the community and used for community meetings and events. The school also provides a labor force to local businesses in close proximity to the School and is a major source of revenue for some of those businesses as well. Local food establishments currently rely on school events and functions as a major source of revenue.

2. Belisimo's and Illiano's J&P Restaurant are businesses which are in Hampstead, within 1.5 miles from North Carroll, and are directly impacted by the closing of North Carroll High School. Both establishments rely upon the school to supplement their labor force with qualified students and both establishments are directly impacted by the loss of the revenue which comes from the school since they cater events, banquets and team functions.

3. The loss of North Carroll will have a direct impact as these businesses no longer derive revenue from the events, are not asked to sell to participants for school events and no longer have the traffic emerging from events after school.

4. The loss of the school deprives the economic community of the source of student employees and student customers. Hundreds of North Carroll's pupils have served as J&P

waiters, having grown up as customers brought there by their parents for their first pizza.

Currently twelve of our wait staff would be displaced students.

5. Because of the overcrowding predicted at Manchester, the school board is preventing Juniors from bringing cars to campus, thus preventing these students from continuing their jobs at J&P.

6. The same employment loss has been expressed among my tenants who rely on part time student employees. The closing adversely affects the students that depend on after school employment to supplement their incomes as well as the businesses that no longer have a pool of employees. Part of a young person's education is teaching them financial responsibility. It is what I learned as a dishwasher when I was sixteen.

7. Then there is the loss to business itself. Take just one item, pizza, which is a student's staple of life. It's what they eat after school, after attending a sporting event, before going to the high school show or marching in the band or attending a rec council event. No high school means no use of the gym or athletic fields for other activities. There are at least 150 of these activities per year at an average attendance of 300 people per activity (students, parents and extended families), the School brings an estimated 45,000 visits. If 20% of those people eat pizza, then there is a loss of 9,000 customers at an average guest check of \$10 or \$90,000 loss in pizza sales. This is the projected loss at my business but multiply this loss to the local karate studio, burgers at McDonalds or coffee at Snickerdoodles and it can be seen that some of these businesses will not just do poorly, they will not survive.

8. When businesses do not survive, then the tax base shrinks and with the shrinking tax base the savings in closing North Carroll does not become a money saver

but a contributor to the degradation of the County's financial base. While we may be the immediate losers, the lack of infrastructure in Manchester will not directly replace what is destroyed in Hampstead.

Date: 3-17-16



Augusto Illiano